

2012 VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

Good morning Evansville! One of my most rewarding duties as mayor is to represent our community at celebrations and commemorations. I am honored to be here.

As Mr. Brummond just explained, Veterans Day was originally named Armistice Day to commemorate the end of World War I. The United States Congress changed the name of the public holiday to Veterans Day in 1954 to recognize veterans of all wars.

President Dwight Eisenhower issued the first presidential proclamation for Veterans Day in 1954. President Eisenhower asked for our country's rededication to "the task of promoting an enduring peace" so that the efforts of veterans "shall not have been in vain." He spoke of the importance of widespread observance and reflection, with veterans, veterans' organizations, and all citizens joining hands in common purpose. This morning I ask that you take the hand of those sitting next to you as a gesture of our continuing unity of purpose. Please take a moment for reflection. Thank you.

I will now share with you the 2012 City of Evansville Veterans Day Proclamation.

CITY OF EVANSVILLE, WISCONSIN

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

In Recognition of Veterans Day, 2012

WHEREAS, the United States of America annually honors all of its veterans with the observance of Veterans Day on November 11; and

WHEREAS, 2012 marks the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812, continuation of the 150th anniversary commemorations of the American Civil War, and the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama, in the 2012 Veterans Day Presidential Proclamation, speaks of the enduring commitment to freedom by our men and women in uniform; and

WHEREAS, Evansville citizens are especially grateful for the dedication and service of our veterans, and sponsored a local shared-group experience on the September 8, 2012, Badger Honor Flight, to ensure that our World War II and infirm veterans from other wars had the opportunity to view memorials erected in their honor in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, citizens and school students of Evansville gather in a patriotic ceremony on Monday, November 12, 2012, at Evansville High School to thank local veterans for their duty and sacrifice.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Sandra J. Decker, Mayor of the City of Evansville, Wisconsin, on behalf of the Evansville Common Council and our community, do hereby convey heartfelt respect and gratitude to all Evansville veterans. I strongly encourage the citizens of Evansville to personally express thanks to our veterans for their valor and their legacy.

Dated this 8th day of November, 2012.

Sandra J. Decker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Judy L. Walton, City Clerk

This morning we are specially recognizing local World War II veterans and veterans that participated in the recent

Badger Honor Flight. Evansville wishes to thank each of you by presenting you with a key to the city and a copy of the local Veterans Day Proclamation. It is my great honor to present you with these tokens of our heartfelt appreciation.

Finally, the local Badger Honor Flight project was wonderful for our community. I extend special thanks to Sandi Spanton Nelson, John Kopecky, and Jim and Jean Kopecky for coordinating the effort, and the citizens and businesses for the generous enthusiasm and support.

Community Announcements

Please read carefully the notice regarding water testing that was included in your recent utility bill and the article that is included in this issue of the Review. When this information was explained to me, a number of points were emphasized: the April 2011 test was very likely a natural occurrence (a similar short-term occurrence that exceeded the standard occurred in the late 1990s); recent monitoring has shown that we are again under maximum limits; the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources indicated that the immediate health risk is negligible and it is with long-term consumption over many years that there may be some risk; and we will continue regular monitoring and develop options for addressing any future results showing elevated contaminants at Well #2. For questions regarding the safety of our drinking water, contact Water & Light Superintendent Mark Sendelbach at 882-2288.

Winter parking regulations go into effect on November 15. On even dates at 1:00 a.m., park on the even numbered side of the street, and on odd dates at 1:00 a.m., park on the odd numbered side of the street. These parking restrictions are in force through April 15.

Olde-Fashioned Christmas festivities will be held on Friday evening, November 16, and Saturday, November 17, including horse-drawn carriage rides, business open houses, arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus, and kids crafts and activities at Eager Free Public Library and Creekside Place.

The first indoor Evansville Farmers and Artisan Market of the season will be held on Saturday, November 17, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Creekside Place, 102 Maple Street.

Friends of Eager Free Public Library will hold a pie sale on Tuesday, November 20, from 3-6 p.m. at the Library, 29 West Main Street. Home made pies baked by local citizens will be available as a time-saving alternative to baking a Thanksgiving dessert.

Community Congratulations/Thanks

Congratulations Evansville voters! 2,742 residents voted last Tuesday---89% of registered voters. Local voter turnout was fantastic! Thank you for exercising your right to vote.